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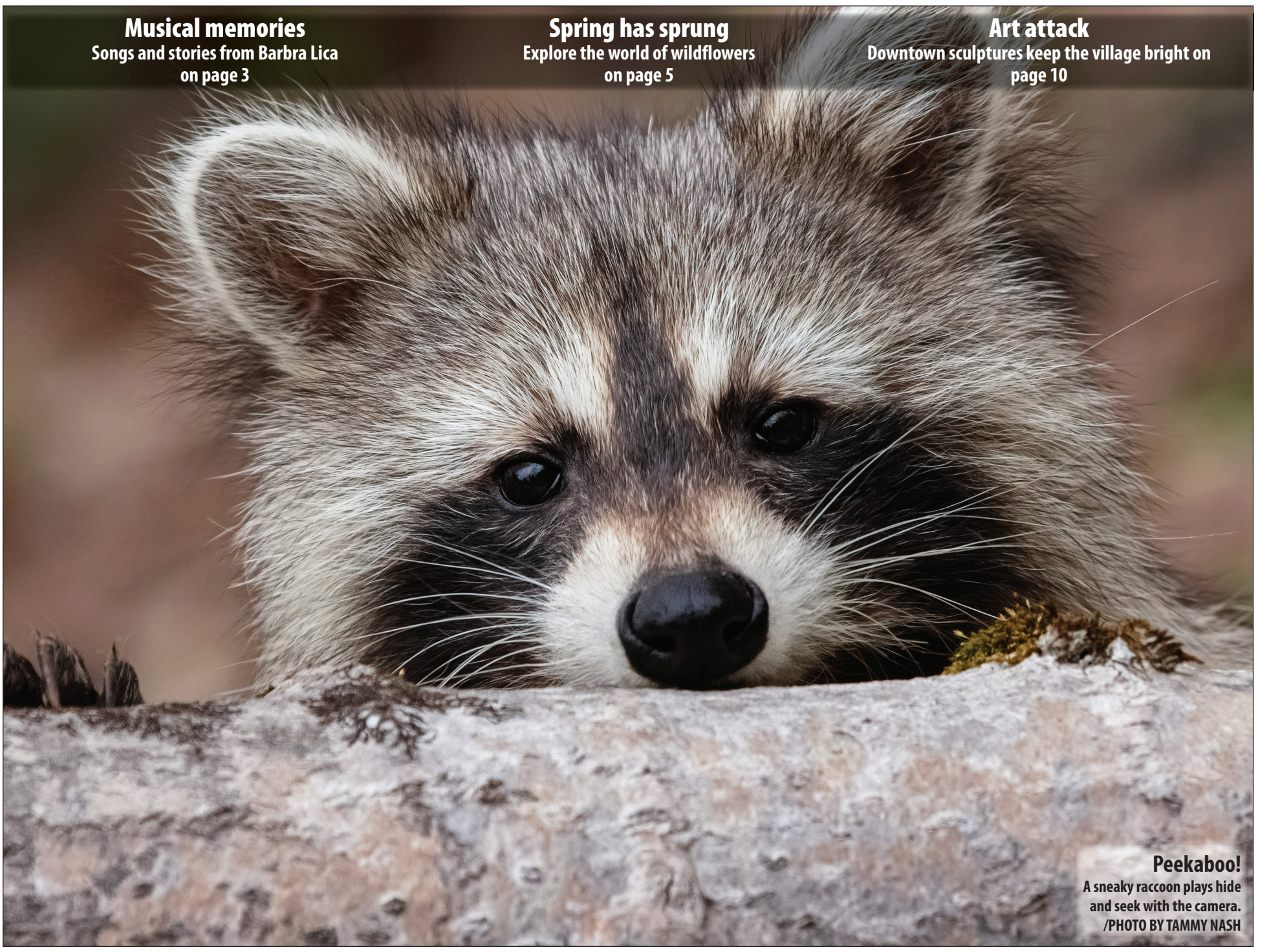

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Pamela Marsales has been a lifelong biker, and despite highs and lows, has found her calling with two wheels on the road. /submitted

Confessions of an amateur cyclist

PAMELA MARSALES
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My first memory associated with bicycling is of waking up in the doctor's office with no memory at all, but a stinging road rash starting at my left temple and running more or less down the entire left side of my body. My big brother, about ten at the time, said it was really neat the way my eyes had rolled back into my head when they picked me up off the pavement. I don't know if I tried it because it looked so easy when he did it, or if he and his friends put me up to it, but it was definitely not the way kids learn to ride in the movies - with the misty-eyed dad gently letting go of the seat when the correct momentum and balance have been established. This bad beginning fortunately did not deter me from enjoying many years of freedom on a bike, in the days when kids were left a lot to their own devices. Having a bike definitely made skipping school a huge adventure.

I learned the hard way not to ride double. Having the back wheel miss the curb cut, with ninety pounds of dead weight landing on top of you, is not a pleasant experience. The greatest glee I ever had cycling, was riding a borrowed clunker along a seaside road in France when I was twenty, and discovering that it was so sturdy, it was easy to ride with no hands. I was sailing down a long hill, feeling like Kate Winslet in the bow of the Titanic, when a stern gendarme astride an ancient black motorcycle, pulled me over. He proceeded to dress me down with furious gesticulations and a barrage of words, incomprehensible save for "les mains, les mains," as he stabbed the air towards the bike's handlebars.

For many years in Toronto, a half hour weaving effortlessly through snarled traffic on my trusty 10 speed, got me to work and back in a great state of mind. There was one summer, when too broke to afford a car, I lived at a Haliburton cottage alone with a bike and a canoe for transport. All my shopping and laundry errands involved a backpack and a thirty-mile round trip. I was radiating such health and joie de vivre when I came back to the city, I impressed the hell out of this guy I met at a party, and we've been married for forty-plus years since. True story.

I became a lapsed cyclist for quite a few years after we moved to Haliburton. Logging trucks, steep hills, too much time spent in cars driving kids around, all contributed to my sluggish, non-cycling state. A couple of trips back to France woke me up. The first time back, I was astounded at how slim everyone looked there. I couldn't imagine how they achieved this, because they seemed to consume vast quantities of cheese, bread, pastries, chocolate and wine. I figured the strong café noir kept their metabolism running at such a fever pitch, they just burned off the calories.

During my next trip to France, we were invited to a home in the country for lunch and our friends suggested we ride there along the canal bike path. Twenty kilometers later, we arrived exhilarated and hungry for the rich feast. The conversation naturally turned to cycling, and we learned that everyone from professor to bank manager to court magistrate rode their bikes to work, went for cycling holidays, and went out with their kids for rides after dinner instead of watching TV. In fact, the couple we were visiting virtually never watched TV, and rarely drove their car. They didn't have to "go to the gym" to be able to eat that fabulous French food and not pile on the pounds - sorry kilograms. I came home, bought a new bike and started riding again.

Fast forward to 2025 ... the Caboose Community Bike Hub is a new initiative in Haliburton Village that I am fortunate to be coordinating. Through free public programming funded by Ontario Trillium Foundation, the bike hub will provide whatever nudge is needed for reluctant riders to get back on a bike, or novice cyclists to gain confidence. I am so looking forward to this opportunity to bring the joy of biking to many in Haliburton! Always open Tuesdays, other times depending on programming. 705-457-4767 CabooseBikeHub@gmail.com

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Barbra Lica will be coming to Haliburton at the end of May, to dazzle locals with songs and storytelling. /photo submitted

Stories and songs with Barbra Lica

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

According to her Instagram, Barbra Lica is a consumer of tacos and cake in equal measure.

She's also a Juno-nominated singer-songwriter, and a collector of stories. "My songs are just vessels for my stories," laughed the Toronto-born musician, who is coming to Haliburton on May 31.

Lica is hot off a tour across the United States, with stops in Las Vegas, California, Washington, and Oregon, to name a few. "It's always a good time," she shared when she sat down with the *Echo* last week. "It's great on tour. I get to find people who relate to my weird stories." She's also performed at jazz festivals in Haiti, Montreal, and Tokyo recently, and that's just the tip of the iceberg.

With a background in jazz music and an avid explorer of all genres, including classical, folk, and rock, Lica has found ways to intrinsically weave storytelling into her songs. "I listen to a lot of music and I have a lot of stories," she chuckled. And while some stories share the universal depth of heartbreak and new love, others are snappy quips, personal anecdotes, or even an ode to "how much I love my kid," she shared.

Lica was born and raised in Toronto, with her love of music quite literally flowing through her veins. Her mother was a professional violinist from Romania, and her father was a professional pianist from the former Soviet Union. The two met while playing in bands in Toronto, and raised their daughter in a home that constantly played Ella Fitzgerald, Louie Armstrong, and Doris Day.

When it came time to fly the coop and embark on post-secondary education, Lica was granted a scholarship to Dalhousie University to study microbiology. "And my parents got really mad," she laughed. Her whole life, they had strongly encouraged her to follow her heart, and embrace her musical roots. She ended up staying in Toronto, with a split major in human biology and jazz performance. "But for me, it's music all day long," she chimed.

When Lica isn't on tour, she's creating music for commercials, supporting other artists, or working on her own albums. She currently has two on the go - in entirely different styles and genres - that she is chipping away at.

When she comes to Haliburton, Lica will be alongside her five-piece band, who she has played with for over a decade. "They all have stories too," she said. "And it's fun to be on tour with some of my best friends."

The full evening of songs, storytelling, and just the right amount of sparkle will be held at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on May 31. Tickets are available through the Folk Society at www.haliburtonfolk.com.

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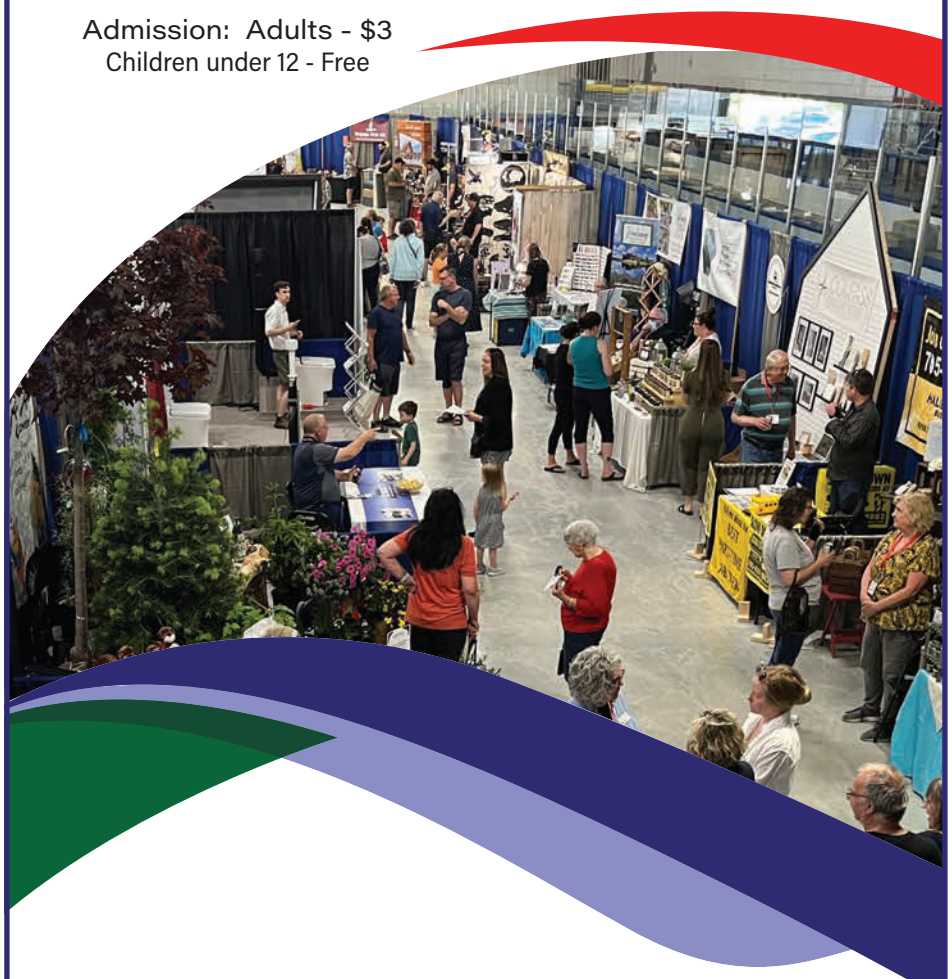

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Spring Fly-In keeps it local

THOMAS SMITH
County Life Staff

Brantley Alcock of Algonquin Highlands peeks out at the forest below during his ride in an airplane from Stanhope Airport. /FILE

No, that won't be Superman flying in the sky on Saturday, May 24. Those will be the helicopters and airplanes flying into the Stanhope Municipal Airport for this year's Spring Fly-In event.

In the past, Stanhope has had three Fly-In events during the spring, summer and fall. Now, they have focused their efforts by only having two. Glenn Williams, a Stanhope Airport committee member, says that they lost a large portion of volunteers during the summer, which made putting on the volunteer-run event difficult.

"Our Fall Fly-In was the biggest event we have ever had, turnout wise," said Williams.

After slinging hamburgers and hotdogs throughout the day, the airport sold out by 2 p.m. The vendor Till Death Barbecue also sold out in the late afternoon, says Williams.

The Spring Fly-In event is a great opportunity for both pilots and visitors alike. It provides an opportunity for the pilots to show off their planes and get them moving and for the entire family to get out and have fun.

This year, there will be free face painting offered to kids. Like previous years, the local fire department will be providing demonstrations and the Ministry of Natural Resources Firefighting services will have an information booth. The Fly-In is slated to have 15 local vendors to provide food, artisan goods, and other fun items. Food vendors will include the airport's cantina, Till Death Barbecue, Into the Blue, and FishBowl Caribbean.

Antique cars and a broad array of unique airplanes will be on display for families to get up close and personal to and take pictures.

"It's all about promoting local," said Williams. "It's also to get young people interested in flying."

Williams says that with a shortage of pilots and aircraft maintenance engineers, several companies have begun to offer scholarships towards getting your certifications.

Williams, a Canadian aircraft maintenance engineer, joined the airport's committee two years ago with the intention to improve it. He dreams of developing the municipal airport further, bringing in businesses into the airport, and possibly hosting a flight school there in the future.

"I would love to see a small aircraft maintenance facility at the airport," said Williams. He also noted that there are pre-existing buildings with the potential to house such a business.

All money raised from the Fly-In event will be put towards the airport's fund used for improving the airport. Recently, the fund paid for better electrical outlets onsite to accommodate more vendors.

Aircraft and helicopter rides will be available to the public at the Spring Fly-In. Aircraft rides are $75 per person and helicopter rides are $100 per person.

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That's me in the corner

DEB REED
Wind in the Attic

I'm the one in the comfy chair. I've joined a local weekly discussion group. I crave heady talk. As in restaurants, I prefer my back to the wall. And before I say anything, I listen closely to absorb the vibe and find a level.

Introverts are thinkers who muse before they voice. Reflection births our eurekas. Even introverts ultimately want to connect. Collective transparency helps us open. It might seem like I'm simmering unimpressively on a back-burner, but I'm expanding with electricity on the inside. Others' thoughts are irresistible. I absolutely love learning. It explains my constant watching.

And then there's YouTube. Honestly, I'm addicted ... it's my personal pocket Time Machine. There's junk galore to wade through, or celebrity click-bait with eerie AI, but I get to search, believe or reject. My own private iPhone. Since COVID, it's been semi-bonded to my fingers. My scrolling pauses unapologetically at babies tasting lemons, innovative tents, 70s bands, historical newsreels, medical miracles, how-to's and supper hacks. The other day, I adapted a 'mukbang' recipe (Asian street food prepared and eaten on camera) to try at home. I also watched step-by-step construction of an organic raised garden. Now I have one! I've also discovered an old recording of Gordon Lightfoot as a boy soprano! Plus, I now know that one can camp in an RV for free overnight in a Walmart parking lot. I'm newly fascinated by what international school kids eat for lunch. And there's this teen from Essex (my birthplace) who took himself solo to Vietnam and recorded every unforeseeable adventure, including getting sick.

Yes. I'm a Tube-watcher. Watching clips go by. Daily. Nightly. Helplessly.

'Influencers' and 'content creators' are remarkable modern careers sponsored by companies whose products are actively endorsed. Many of us 'follow' several YouTubers, and if we subscribe, we learn via phone notification when our favourite personalities have uploaded new material. We get to comment on their posts, and are even occasionally answered. I heard back from a humble young Englishman who's filming his solo renovation of a remote Scottish cottage. He shyly records into his GoPro camera, and 387, 000 viewers tune in afterwards. Nobody interacts directly. No real-time eye contact. No awkward pauses. An introvert's portal paradise. Exclusive scrolling. Whenever.

It's a touchscreen planet. Tap, and the world stops while you make a sandwich or hit the bathroom. Tap again, and you're safely lost in space. You control time and journeys. Your passions reload. You're comfortably numb, and hardly ever lonely. Lately, many more of us have morphed into flies-on-the-wall, swarming over screens, buzzing in the dark. Cultishly: 'YOU'-tube…

That's me in the corner, watching, frowning, chuckling, sharing what others offer for public consumption. Influencers earnestly compete for top spotlight. The more 'likes' their posts receive, the more lucrative their channels. Skilled editing, top-notch tech, esoteric content, merch, engagement with viewers … well, it's a novel twist on traditional ways of earning a decent living!

Introverts, keep your watch. Happy (vicarious) trails!

Naturally Yours

Michele Swyer references her cheat sheet used for the most recent Discovery Day, put on my the Land Trust.

Dutchman's breaches pop out during the spring season. /photos submitted

Spring wildflowers and wild leeks

RICK WHITTEKER

County Life Contributor

Hidden discretely amongst the browns and greens of spring foliage and leaf litter, our native wildflowers emerge. Not as fleshy as their garden variety relatives, native wildflowers play an important role for early pollinators and add a sprig of colour to our spring hikes.

The Spring Wildflowers and Wild Leeks walk was hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust at Barnum Creek Nature Reserve on May 10. The first of their Discovery Days series, about twenty participants enjoyed the warm spring weather while enduring the odd flitting blackfly. Lead by Michele Swyer and her laminated wildflower "cheat sheet", she guided the group through an interesting tour of the spring ephemerals of Barnum Creek.

Hiking out and back on the Heritage Trail and true to most interpretive hikes, we stopped regularly to identify small, inconspicuous flowers that are easily overlooked. This was the real defining message of this walk, that a slow pace and keen observation allows hikers to enjoy the colours of our wild flowering plants.

Along the trailside, Michele was able to draw our attention to the sun loving dog violet with its purple stripped flower, followed by the trout lily with its vibrant five-pedaled yellow flower on an elongated stalk. The trout lily stands out with their green leaves mottled with browns and greys looking loosely like the colour of a brook trout.

Near a wet section of the trail, Michele pointed out a yellow flower which looks like a daintier version of a dandelion. Uncommonly, this plant produces a flower before the leaves emerge. With leaves shaped like a horseshoe, coltsfoot is a nonnative plant that likes wet, sunny locations. The leaves have a licorice-like flavour and have traditionally been used as a cough suppressant.

Past the Barnum Creek bridge, Michele stopped the group mid trail to let us know we were going off trail for a short distance to identify four new species. We could see a possible destination in the background, a large flat boulder shrouded with green foliage, like a forest chia pet. Sure enough, the beautiful dutchman's breaches was thriving here. With white to pinkish flowers that resemble a pair of upside-down baggy pants, this plant likes to grow in clusters. It shared this sparsely soiled rock with a pair of magnificent red trilliums.

Nearby, spring beauties were blooming, their delicate whiteish flower with purple streaks are easy to miss on this small ground cover plant. Patches of wild leeks also thrived in this rich area of forest. Making it clear that harvesting plants at Barnum Creek was not allowed and emphasizing responsible harvesting, Michele brought her own samples to show everyone what the bulb looked like. Passing around a leaf to be taste tested, the robust flavour is unmistakenly onion-like.

The hike back to the trail head was a pleasant saunter with lots of conversation and knowledge sharing.

There are several more education programs in the works at the Land Trust including the recently run Don Smith Memorial Spring Bird Walk on May 18. As part of the Partners in Conservation workshop series, there is also an Avenza Maps workshop on May 31. Be sure to check the Land Trust website under the News and Events tab to register or get more information on all the great future workshops and presentations.

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Socks and sandals

IT'S BEEN a long winter of wrapping our toes up in warm woolen socks and hearty lined boots. I myself am a sock aficionado; ever collecting socks in all forms and taking great pleasure in burying my toes into each pair with warmth and ease.

My toes stay hidden in their tiny sock cocoon for many months. But of course, all good things must come to an end.

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

This morning, I finally peeled off the socks.

And to my surprise, I was greeted with a splash of colour.

A dark burgundy on the edges of my toenails, lathered on with shellac nail polish before a friend's wedding I attended … in September of last year.

Now before I hear you oggle and groan at the discovery, please note that I am a full-time writer and managing editor, and an even more full-time mom.

So anyone who has ever carried the mom card knows that the colour on your toenails is the least of your worries. You're too busy filling your day with phrases like "please don't eat that dinosaur's head," or "I don't think the dog needs to bury all of your carrots today," or "please don't bite mommy. Again."

And while the nail polish caught me by surprise, it wasn't the most shocking discovery. The thing that really caught my eye was how it had edged its way up to the top of my toenail. Just hanging on to the last semblances of existence.

And I realized that while I have been busy working and momming and eating and sleeping, I have also been growing.

Growth charts are often reserved for the little ones. They're one of my favourite mementos of childhood. We have one that hangs in our hallway. A six-foot-tall wooden beam that has the words 'loved beyond measure' intricately carved into the side. On the board, you can see the edges carved out with Sharpie markers in blue, greens, reds, and blacks - each little line a memory of a stage that has passed.

As the kids have gotten older, the draw of the growth chart has lost some shimmer. They're less interested in how tall they've gotten and more interested in Taylor Swift and soccer try-outs. A beautiful stage unto itself, but different.

At some point, we lose sight of growing. We hit a peak, a plateau, and we think that our growth is done.

But as I looked at that burgundy nail, I realized that we are always growing. In general, your skin cells entirely regenerate every 28 to 42 days. That gives us growth in our hair, our nails, our scars and scabs. And while we are busy shuffling through the long days and short nights and seasons and celebrations, we are ever-changing.

No longer a notch in a growth chart, but now a flake of burgundy nail polish to measure that growth.

And while perhaps it doesn't feel like I have changed all that much since that September wedding, when the shellac nails first made their appearance, I realize that quite literally, I have. Shifted, adapted, shed, and grown into a different version of myself.

And I think that's a valuable reminder to have. We are not stagnant creatures, even if we are sitting still. We are not peaked and plateaued, we are forever on a journey, no matter how big or small that journey may be.

Ever growing, ever moving, ever changing.

Top 10 reasons dogs like a good walk

EVERY DOG loves a goods walk. But many dog owners don't understand why. Lucky for you, I interviewed several local mutts at the dog park, and they were kind enough to divulge the top 10 reasons dogs love a good walk.

They are:

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. When they meet other dogs, they can look up at their human and say, "Oh him? He's just a mutt."
2. Getting someone to pick up after you is a true power move.
3. Human dragging is a time-honoured dog sport.
4. It's a great opportunity to bark at bigger, meaner animals and then hide behind your human.
5. Really into studded collars.
6. It's the one thing that a cat can't do.
7. It's the best way to keep your meal ticket healthy.
8. It's better than jogging.
9. So they can feel superior to all those lazy dogs in cars.
10. Scooting is so much better in front of an audience.

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Fluttering

Fleck of white butterfly, fluttering through Air,
over the tops of tall grasses that sway in the breeze, beneath the blue of a boundless Sky,
my eyes zig-zagging along with the butterfly, following the path of its flight, the speck of white, like moving light,
grazing blades of grass, flitting over the shaggy heads of dandelions, springing from the edges of the trail,
their sunny faces smiling up at me, my eyes growing dizzy as I watch the white butterfly meander its way through Air,
its wings fluttering like newborn leaves on the branches of bushes and trees,
an eruption of leaves, over the last week, unfurling on their branches, tasting Rain and Sun for the first time,
the butterfly pausing at a bush frothing with white blossoms, delicate as lace,
I wander over towards the bush, to inhale the fragrance of ripening spring,
my Breath, light as the wings of the white butterfly, the first one I've spotted this season, wondering how long it will last,
whether the heat of summer will wilt its wings, how low it flies, above the ground,
hovering over a black shoelace curled on the trail, fluttering away as the snake slithers across the gravel,
I squeal so loud I frighten two blackbirds out of a tree, the snake, wide as my pinky, painted like a bumblebee,
a yellow stripe running along its back, as I watch it cross the gravel, disappearing into the tall grasses,
my Heart hiccupping in my chest as I scurry along the trail, keeping my eye on the fleck of white butterfly,
wondering what it's afraid of, birdsong serenading us from the trees, swelling with leaves,
drenched in so many shades of green, I bathe my eyes in them for a while, losing sight of the butterfly,
meandering its way along the trail like me, its white wings like the petals of a flower, fluttering through Air,
bringing with it a feeling of gladness, for all the little things that spring to Life this time of year,
blades of grass and the tiny yellow flowers whose names I don't know, dappling patches of earth along the trail,
a feather laying on the ground, that loosened from a blue jay's wing, I crouch down to peel it off the ground,
holding it up to the light of Sky, twirling it between my fingers, admiring its blue sheen, deep as dusk,
before I place it back down in a nest of grass, wondering where the blue jay is flying now,
or maybe resting in the branch of a tree, wondering whether it will cross paths with the white butterfly,
sharing Air beneath the same Sky, my eyes fluttering like butterfly wings, as they roam the trail,
grazing the ground and the green branches of bushes, then soaring up towards Sky,
where a lone cloud blooms in all that blue, its lifespan shorter than the fleck of white butterfly's,
I peer up at it as I walk, watching it change shape 'till it melts into Sky, as if it were never there,
like my billions of Breaths that dissolve into Air.

Sylvie Kalenda

Nature in your backyard

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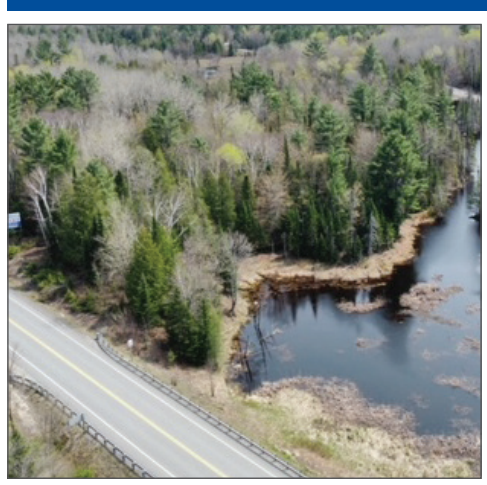

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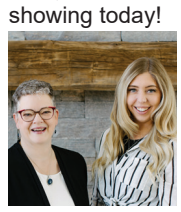

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Sculptures flock to Haliburton

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

Downtown Haliburton just got a little bit brighter. Since 2018, the Haliburton Sculpture Forest has partnered with the Haliburton BIA to bring a series of sculptures throughout the village. "It's a wonderful collaboration," said Sculpture Forest curator Jim Blake, who shared that the nearby town of Fenelon Falls has recently started providing the same offering.

With seven new sculptures displayed over the summer months downtown, the idea is to showcase a variety of artists and mediums, while encouraging locals and visitors alike to explore the Sculpture Forest - one of the biggest tourism drivers for Haliburton County.

Blake explained that the process for selecting this year's artists was through a jury, who were thrilled with the applications they received. Each sculpture has a story, a message, and a level of depth individually interpreted by the viewer.

At the official public unveiling and walking tour for the new sculptures on May 7, the artists, sponsors, and community members joined together at the Rail's End Gallery prior to the tour. "For the past two years, during this opening, it has absolutely poured rain," laughed Blake. "So we thought we could take it indoors this year."

The opening was a chance to hear from each individual artist about the process and themes that went into their creations.

Garrett Gilbert, a self-described "carver of unnatural resources" carved local flora and fauna designs from a steel canoe at the Rails End Gallery.

The first artist featured was Garrett Gilbert, a Durham-based artist who has a carved canoe propped on the side of the Rail's End Gallery. Gilbert shared that he refers to himself as a "carver of unnatural resources." He utilizes steel, tin, and metals, which he uses to carve hyper-specific foliage into. For Gilbert, it's the contrast between the usage of an industrial piece as a canvas for foliage that tells the story. His piece in the show is titled 'Botanical Canoe.'

The second artist was Danielle Reddick, who is based out of Prince Edward County. Reddick created a piece titled 'Bronze Sky Pods', that sits on the corner of Highland Street and York Street. Reddick identifies as a multi-media artist, and shared that she is constantly "driven by learning more." The bronze and stainless steel piece was designed to reflect nature, and the organic movement that exists in the natural world.

'Unity Undeniable' was the next piece discussed, created by Mark Puigmarti, who has returned for his fourth year with the Sculpture Forest public showcase. Puigmarti is a blacksmith, who works in forged and fabricated stainless steel. With his most recent piece, Puigmarti shared that his inspiration came from a newly-found sense of nationalism. He shared that the political tension in the States has made him seek an outlet for expression. "Along with most Canadians, I felt a remarkable national bonding," he said. "It left me with a bewildered feeling, followed by a unity to defend and support one another."

The piece is a variety of Canadian animal features melded together, including a Canada Goose, a blue heron, a moose, and a beaver. The sculpture can be seen outside the Wind in the Willows Spa.

Following in-line with the Canadian theme, 'Geese Please' was created by Kim Collins, using recycled outdoor materials. Seen outside Glecoff's, the wacky and whimsical rainbow goose was made out of a scrapped tent cover that Collins was debating how to part with. She explored the irony of scrapping outdoor gear; the items used to explore the great outdoors, being used to detrimentally pollute it.

'Friends' by Marlene Kawalez is on Highland Street, near the exit of Foodland. "It was only a few years ago that I started calling myself an artist," shared Kawalez. She noted that in her creative journey, she began to explore the depth of reality in the world; often showcasing sadness and history, which often felt incredibly heart-wrenching.

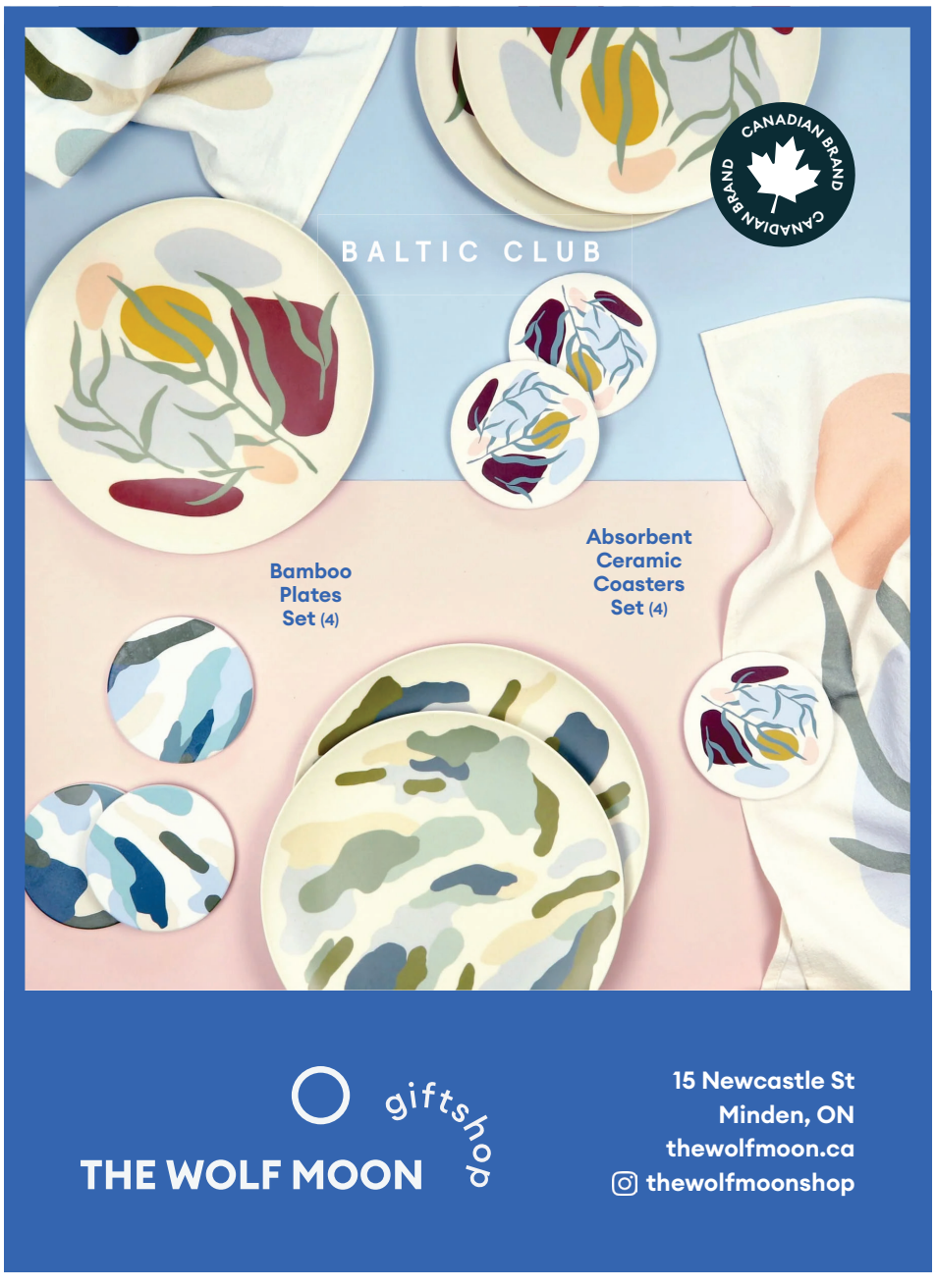
With the creation of 'Friends', Kawalez went outside her comfort zone. "It's just simple purity," she said. "It's a piece of nature and mankind. And it would be wonderful if we were all friends."

Visitors will now note a flash of turquoise outside the Bank of Montreal on Highland Street. The eye-catching piece is titled 'Soul of a Boy' by artist Carole Chaloupka Burton. The polymer modified gypsum features two carved young boys; "but they're so much more than portraits," said the sculptor. Chaloupka Burton shared that she had a younger brother growing up, and as she watched her gentle and kind brother struggle in a difficult world before losing him when he was in his 20s, she realized the challenges of the cruel world. This fuelled her artistic journey. "I really wanted to think about young, tender children, and how they will reach a point they feel they need to fit into these ideas of masculinity," she said."Art is a way of thinking."

The last sculpture, located outside the Corner Gallery, is titled 'Ma'iingon' by Jared Tait. "It's a traditional style of art," said Tait, noting he was taught by his uncles and dad. Tait belongs to the Lynx clan with roots to Sachigo Lake First Nation and Thunder Bay. His other work is currently on display at the Sculpture Forest. "They are all ground in Indigenous teachings," said Tait. "They come from different creation stories."

The sculptures will be on display throughout the downtown core throughout the duration of the summer. All pieces are available for purchase. For more information, visit www.haliburtonsculptureforest.ca.

Mark Puigmarti explains his piece, which sits outside the Wind in the Willows Spa in downtown Haliburton. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff



Spring has sprung

This week is all about spring, I see the signs everywhere. The budding trees, the early flowers, the garden center pop ups and the antihistamines. What is it about spring that seems to give us all a jolt of energy, a bit of wonder about nature and plants, some extra awareness of the outdoors. Is it that we were indoors for so long, or that the warm breeze awakens something inside that wants to dig in the dirt. I am constantly fascinated by the idea that this modern way of living is but a dot in the long line of human history, that for far longer, humans lived within the patterns of nature, close to the earth and had to seek out a survival living on the land.

TERESA JORDAN
Community Living Contemplations

I think plenty of those rhythms are left behind, and I think that is partly what launches us into a spring burst of energy. Let's take a pause this week or soon, to use that energy to try something new, connect with a friend, present a great idea, make a plan that we know will bring joy to another, or just rest in a place where you can hear the birds singing for a moment or two. Winters are long, and have their own appeal, but let's shake off that fuzzy slipper kind of vibe and rock the sunglasses and short sleeves. It is time to ramp it up and embrace the season and all that it promises for a great time of sunshine and warmth. Make something happen, plant a seed and watch it grow into a plant or a memory.

At Community Living, the spring brings new adventures, outdoor activities, new roles in the community as the population swells with cottagers. Many favourite sports with our partners Special Olympics are getting underway and ready to go. Bocce, golf and shuffleboard. Huge thanks to our Special Olympic volunteers in our community. We try to use this new energy to discover, to learn new things about what we like to do, about goals to set, and seeds that may have been planted long ago that we are now ready to water. Let's all jump into spring in the highlands. Let's get to enjoying all that the season has to offer.

Trilliums

Trilliums carpeting the forest floor,
springing from the earth between the trunks of trees
and stumps cloaked in caps of moss,
the white petalled flowers, growing around the borders of boulders bulging from the ground,
trilliums, everywhere, Air, cradling the silence
of the forest,
no creaking trees or woodpeckers drilling into their trunks with their beaks,
only this stillness, as I rest on a stump, amongst the trilliums and trees, breathing in the peace of my surroundings,
a rivulet of breeze trickling through Air, the aroma of earth, rising, tickling my nostrils, as I inhale deep,
feeling like an interloper each time I enter the sanctuary of the forest,
my feet treading across the earth where things grow and breathe,
careful not to step on any trilliums, or even feel
the softness of their petals, for the length of time that they're here,
emerging from the earth each spring, heralding its beginnings, veiling the forest floor when the trees are still bare,
witnessing the budding of their leaves, breeze wafting past me, a tonic and balm, Air, soft as the moss on which I sit,
cushioning the stump that once was a tree, growing in the forest with the saplings and elders,
welcoming the trilliums each spring, into the sanctuary of their Home, always enough space for
them to grow,
beneath morning Sun and midnight Moon, the trilliums will be gone soon, after a season of flourishing,
Rain drenching their roots and stems and petals so they can bloom in beauty for the brief time that
they're here,
not bearing the burden of being here forever, like the boulders bulging from the forest floor,
I slap the clammy shoulder of a boulder as I rise,
moss crawling along its flank,
tendrils of green curling from cracks in its back,
I marvel at all the hidden spaces from which Life springs, the old boulder birthing new sprigs and shoots each year,
a speck of dirt lodging in a crack or the dropping of a seed by a bird, the trilliums growing around it like garlands of hope,
for future sprigs and tendrils that curl in the darkness, unfurling into light,
blooming and growing and thriving for however long they're Alive,
I ruffle the tree stump's cap of moss, So Long, thanking it for providing me with such a soft place to sit,
as I wander back through the spaces between the trees and stumps and boulders,
careful not to step in the places where
the trilliums grow,
offering a quiet apology as I stumble over the root of a tree,
for trespassing across their forest Home.

Sylvie Kalenda

/LAURA SMITH staff

Legion Events

Branch 441 Kinmount

Monday: Bid euchre 1 p.m., Cornhole 7 p.m. (upstairs)
Tuesday: Last Tuesday of the month-liver luncheon with one alternative 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Mixed darts 7:30 p.m. Canteen opens at 6 p.m.
Thursday: General meeting (3rd week) Members only 7:30 p.m.
Friday: Chair yoga 10 a.m. Bingo, doors open at 5 p.m. play at 6:45 p.m.
Saturday: Meat draw 5 p.m. Canteen opens at 3 p.m.
Sunday: Ladies Auxiliary meeting (members only) 3rd week at 2 p.m.
Special events: May 11 Mother's day breakfast $13.00/person
Friday night BBQ start May 23
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Branch 129 Haliburton

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Tuesdays: League darts 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall. Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. First Wed of each month with jackpot. Follow Facebook.com/Branch129 Bingo for the most up-to-date information
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Branch 636 Minden

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Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
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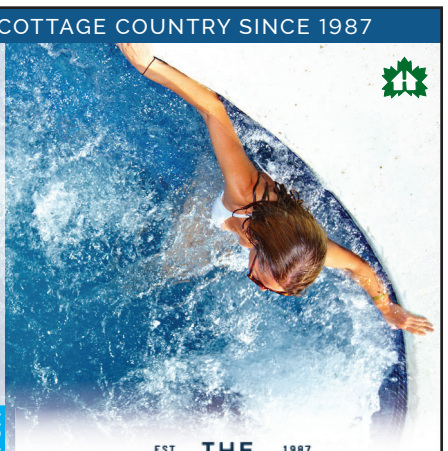

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Answer: Vegetables

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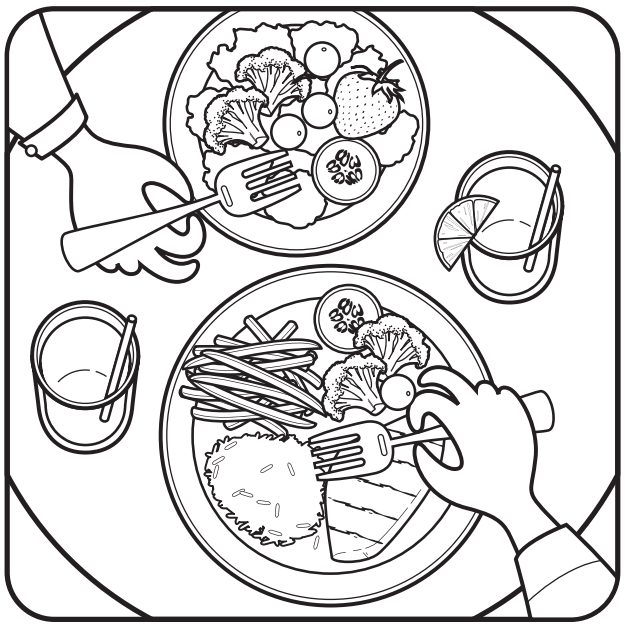

Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

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12	3		4	6	7		2	10	11		
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Answer: Fruits and vegetables

CANADA MONTH HISTORY

1941

The CBC New Service begins operations in English. Operations begin in French the following day.

NEW WORD

PULP

the soft, fleshy part of fruit

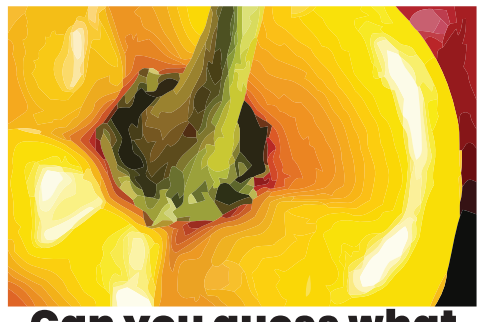
"How they say that in..."

English: Carrot
Spanish: Zanahoria
Italian: Carota
French: Carotte
German: Karotte

Did You KNOW?

Tomatoes, avocados and bell peppers are fruits. Strawberries aren't actually berries, while bananas are, at least botanically. Fruits are quite interesting.

Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

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Planning is key to stable budgets

Long-term planning is the secret to maintaining a stable budget each year, Stanhope Township Councillor Jock Mavor commented when the 1988 budget was passed last Wednesday.

An overall increase of less than 1.6 per cent is what residential tax payers have in store for them, and this was achieved without compromising the needs of any of the departments.

"We've been good stewards of the taxpayers' money, while addressing the needs," said Mavor. He said tax increases have been kept quite stable for the past five years because council has had the foresight to establish reserve funds. This avoids the need for large tax hikes whenever a large expense is encountered.

Councillor Ann Barker also praised this year's budget. "I think we've struck a good budget. We've kept our priorities in line and we haven't changed many (department) budgets." She also noted that the municipality is still operating in the black and will not need to borrow money.

The increase in residential taxes in the township this year, including the education and county budgets, amounts to just 1.58 per cent. The commercial increase is slightly higher at 1.6 per cent.

The mill rate for calculation of 1988 taxes is 1,034.9. To calculate individual taxes, multiply the assessed value of a property by 1.0349.

While maintaining a low increase, council is also continuing to build its reserve funds. Sums amounting to $31,000 are being set aside for future requirements. These include $10,000 for road equipment, $6,000 for working funds, $5,000 for the airport and $10,000 for the fire department.

A request for an addition to the present fire department was the only major cut in department budgets, Administrator Gerald Bain said. The volunteer fire department hopes to expand its facilities with an addition to the present building at an estimated cost of $56,000. However, council intends to hold off on the expansion. And instead of an addition, council favours a new steel-frame building.

Fire protection services to be cut off

Snowdon and Lutterworth Townships will be forced to look elsewhere for fire protection when their contract with Anson, Hindon and Minden Townships expires at the end of the year.

Since both municipalities are refusing to pay a 100 per cent stand by fee increase, Minden Council has decided it will not renew the contracts when they expire. Minden Council voted unanimously to notify the neighbouring municipalities of its intentions, providing more than the 90 days notice required in the contract.

Deputy Reeve Bern Berry, who had earlier recommended the 100 per cent fee hike, introduced the motion to withdraw all protection services. He

(more on page 13)

A smooth layer of hard top was finally laid down on the area of Bobcaygeon Road which has been under construction since last fall. Workers from Royel Paving were putting the final touches to the first layer of the new asphalt on Friday morning.

Landfill site will be closing

Stanhope Township will soon be looking for a new location for a small landfill site to replace the one on Hawk Lake Road.

The .58-hectare Hawk Lake Road site is very close to capacity and the Ministry of the Environment has recommended that steps be taken to close it up by the end of 1989.

Township Administrator Gerald Bain told council last Wednesday that an application has already been submitted for a subsidy to help locate a new site. He estimated that it will cost about $40,000, of which it is hoped the ministry will cover 75 per cent. Bain said he has also asked for application forms for funding to close up the old site.

Stanhope Reeve Harry Davis noted that County Counil is hoping to commission a study for future management of landfill sites in the Highlands. However, that study will not be completed in time to help out in this situation.

A letter from the ministry says, "A review of our records and a recent inspection indicates this site has been filled to at least .58 hectares on the first level and almost to the limit on the second level. For this reason, we recommend the municipality initiate steps to have the landfill site closed by the end of 1989."

Ministry guidelines for closing a site are as follows: Assess the site for problems and implement corrections; publicize the closure and alternative disposal site; initiate rodent extermination measures; grade, compact and cover the site with a minimum of .6 metres of clay type soil; stablize the soil cover, and maintain integrity and continuity of the soil cover.

Bain told council that he will notify the Kushog and Hawk Lake cottage associations of the intentions to close this site.

Since Monday, May 23 is a national holiday, the distribution of next week's edition of The Times will take place on Tuesday, May 24. All advertising and copy deadlines remain the same. We wish you a safe and enjoyable Victoria Day weekend.

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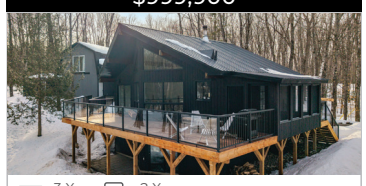
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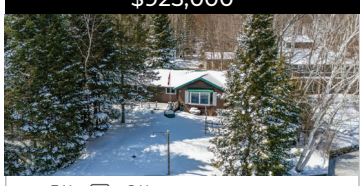
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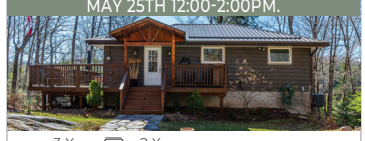
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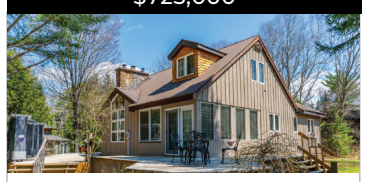
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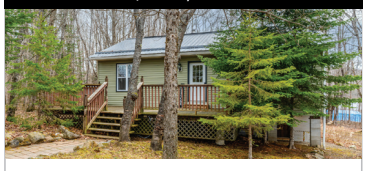
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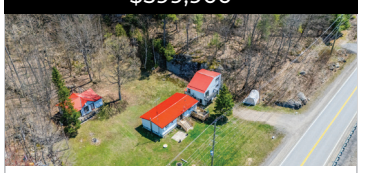
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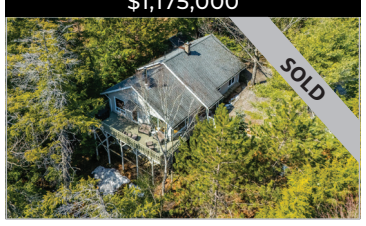

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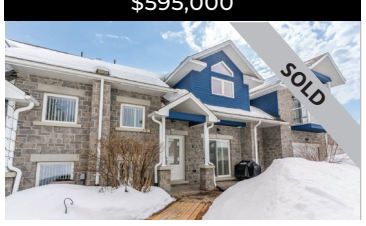

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